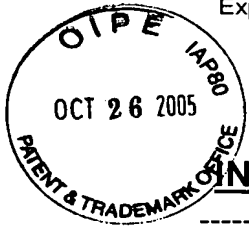


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Sir:

This communication is in response to the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" that the Office mailed on October 20, 2005. This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The Notice stated that the application was "incomplete" because a particular chemical structure (highlighted by the Publishing Division on page 527) was illegible. Applicants were asked to provide a legible replacement structure before November 20, 2005.

Attached is a replacement structure as required. Also attached is a copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

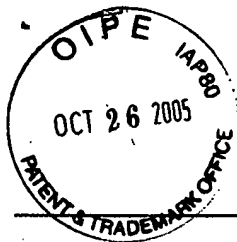
Applicants believe that this satisfies the requirement to make the application complete. Issuance of the allowed application as a patent is respectfully requested. If the Office has any questions, the undersigned Attorney-of-Record can be contacted.

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